



Department of
Toxic Substances
Control

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to protect public
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toxic harm.*



State of California



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Fact Sheet, February 2009

P. Kay Metal, Inc. Draft Permit Renewal Available for Public Review



View of facility entrance from the corner of Minerva Street and East 25th Street

A draft Standardized Hazardous Waste Permit renewal for P. Kay Metal, Inc. located at 2448 East 25th Street in Los Angeles is available for public review and comment. The permit renewal would allow the facility to continue treating, storing, recycling and transferring hazardous waste from a variety of industries for another 10 years.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND MEETING

The 45-day public comment period for the draft Permit, and draft CEQA Notice of Exemption begins on February 6 and ends March 25, 2009. Copies of the draft documents can be viewed at the information repositories listed on page 3 of this fact sheet. Written and emailed comments must be postmarked by March 25, 2009, and sent to:

Mr. Ricardo Gonzalez, Project Manager
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 717-6693

Please e-mail comments to: rgonzalez@dtsc.ca.gov

Public Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will hold a public meeting on **March 10, 2009** at the Huntington Park Library, 6518 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California (323) 583-1461 to explain the draft Permit Renewal, address your questions, and accept your verbal and written comments.

For information on accessibility or to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto toll-free at 1 (866) 495-5651 or (714) 484-5338 or by e-mail to jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov no later than **February 23, 2009**.



Facility Location and History

The P. Kay Metal, Inc. facility is located on the border of the cities of Vernon and Los Angeles. The facility has accepted, stored, treated, and recycled hazardous waste solder (tin/lead) dross at this location since 1978. Prior to P. Kay Metal, Inc. facility, the site also operated as a solder manufacturing facility for 70 years. The facility supplies solder materials to various industries including the electronic, radiator repair, and printed circuit board industries. To accommodate the increasing need for recycling waste and reducing the burden on landfills and treatment facilities, P. Kay Metal, Inc. provides a recycling service to their customers in the form of recovering the solder dross to make new solder.

P. Kay Metal, Inc.'s treatment process is conducted in an enclosed building. The treatment process uses two melting furnaces to treat solder dross. Each furnace has a hood that connects to the baghouse, which is an Air Pollution Control Device. The fumes and particulates from the furnaces are drawn by vacuum to the baghouse. Because all of the treatment processes operate within closed systems, airborne releases are almost nonexistent.

Three container storage units located inside the building and one container storage unit located outdoors are used to store facility-generated and incoming hazardous wastes. The maximum storage capacity of the facility is 19,422 gallons at any one time.

P. Kay Metal, Inc. accepts the Department of Transportation (DOT) approved containers filled with hazardous waste solder dross under uniform hazardous waste manifests from known offsite generators. The solder dross that is received at P. Kay Metal, Inc. comes from customers that purchase the solder new from P. Kay Metal, Inc.

No hazardous waste liquids are handled at the facility. There has been no evidence of groundwater contamination associated with P. Kay Metal, Inc.'s activities or activities from previous facilities.

Security of the facility is maintained by an eight-foot-tall wrought iron fence topped with razor wire. Access to the facility is controlled by an electrically operated gate which is monitored by personnel using a security camera.

The following hazardous wastes are stored for no longer than 90 days at the facility:

- 1) skimming oxides from what is known as the "batch" process
- 2) baghouse dust collected from the ventilation system
- 3) process fluxing and skimmings

Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit

This facility received its first DTSC permit in 1998. The permit expired on January 20, 2008, however, the facility is allowed to continue to operate until a permit determination is made on the permit renewal application. The proposed draft permit renewal will authorize P. Kay Metal, Inc. to continue current hazardous waste operations for another 10 years.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the proposed actions may have any significant impacts on human health and the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC has proposed a Notice of Exemption which states that renewal of this facility's permit will not result in any impact to human health or the environment.

Compliance History

DTSC inspects P. Kay Metal, Inc. on a regular basis to ensure the facility is in compliance with California laws, regulations and permit conditions. Minor violations have been cited since 2005, they are listed below.

2008 Inspection

DTSC found possible violations and is currently evaluating the findings before they are finalized

2007 Inspection

Failure to submit the Annual Report, under inspection records, as required

2006 Inspection

Administrative violation: failure to submit a Training and Contingency Plan

2005 Inspection

- Exceeded storage capacity
- Failed to record time of inspection in weekly inspection log. Failed to reference/record correction and repairs along with date the repairs were corrected.

How You Can Participate

The draft Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below. The entire administrative record is available at the DTSC Chatsworth office.

The administrative record includes copies of the permit application, the draft CEQA Notice of Exemption, this fact sheet and other site-specific documents.

Before making a final determination on the draft Permit Renewal, DTSC will review and respond in writing to all public comments. A Response to Comments document will be sent to all those who submitted public comments and to those who request a copy. A copy of the Response to Comments will also be placed in the information repositories.

Huntington Park Library

6518 Miles Avenue
Huntington Park, California 90255
Telephone: (323) 583-1461
Hours: Mon. & Tue. 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Wed. & Thur. 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sat. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Fri. and Sun. Closed

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For More Information Contact

Please contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the draft permit:

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To view electronic versions of the draft Permit, draft Notice of Exemption and other related documents, please visit DTSC's EnviroStor website: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>. Enter Los Angeles as the City and select **P. Kay Metal, Inc.** Click on the link **"Report"** then **"Community Involvement"**.

Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain additional information about the draft permit by calling the California State Relay Service at (1-888-877-5378) to reach DTSC Public Participation Specialist, Jeanne Matsumoto at (714) 484-5338.

**Comment Form for P.K. Metal, Inc
Draft Permit Renewal**

If you use this form to send us your comments, please include your name and address. All written comments must be postmarked no later than March 25, 2009. Please send this form to:

Ricardo Gonzales, DTSC Project Manager
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, California 91311

You may also email this same information to: rgonzale@dtsc.ca.gov

Name: _____

Address: _____

Affiliation (if any): _____

Telephone Number (optional): _____

Comment: (If you need more space, please feel free to use another sheet of paper)

P. Kay Metal, Inc Facility

Please complete the following information if you would like to:

- ☐ Add my name to the mailing list
☐ Remove my name from the mailing list

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City / State / Zip Code: _____

Return this coupon to Jeanne Matsumoto, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress CA, 90630. You can e-mail your mailing list request by sending a message to jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov.

Note: While this mailing list is solely for DTSC use, the list is considered a public record.